

NOVEMBER 2021 UPDATE – COUNCILLOR FLEMING

CHELMSFORD NORTH EAST BYPASS UPDATE



A bypass scheme to support the development of a new railway station, homes and businesses in Chelmsford has moved a major step forward.

Essex County Council, working with Chelmsford City Council, have submitted a planning application for the Chelmsford North East bypass, part of a £250 million investment which also includes a new railway station at Beaulieu.

The bypass would see 4.6km of new road and a 1.2km dual carriageway along the existing A131 in North East Chelmsford. It would connect to the new Beaulieu Park Development in the south and Deres Bridge and Great Leighs in the north, ultimately providing a vital link between the A120 and the A12. It would also deliver an important connection with surrounding communities and, in turn, unlock land for the future Chelmsford Garden Community.

The new route is planned to bypass residential areas and relieve high levels of congestion in Chelmsford itself, while providing a strategic link between the city, Braintree, London Stansted Airport and the wider east and southeast of England, including South Essex and the Lower Thames Crossing.

The strategic road and rail links are crucial to Chelmsford continuing to be an attractive base for people commuting into and out of London.

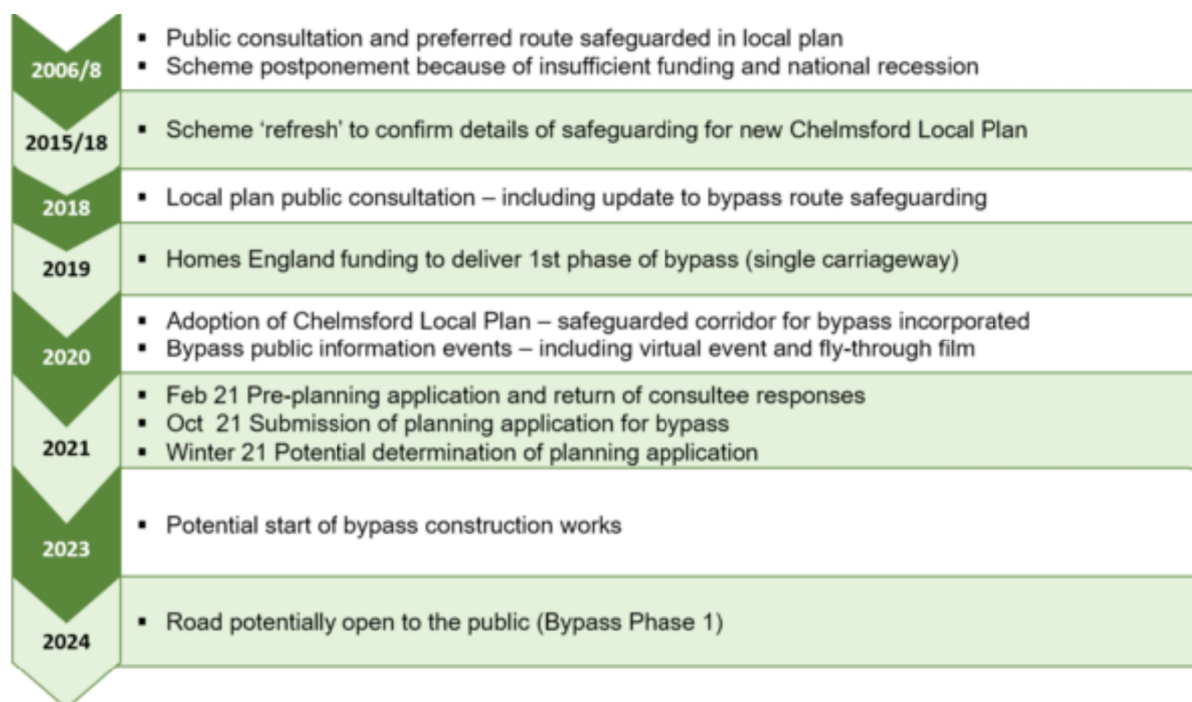
Please [click here](#) to comment on the planning application.

The planning application consultation period ends on 13th November 2021

If you have any queries on the North East Bypass scheme please email the project team

at cneb@essexhighways.org.

For more information [visit the scheme website](#).



ECC HIGH STREET BUSINESS SUMMIT

As part of the work that Essex County Council (ECC) is doing to help level up the economy following the pandemic, businesses across the county and beyond are being encouraged to attend the ECC High Street Business Summit, which is taking place at Hylands House, Chelmsford, on 24 November from 10am-4pm. This is a key opportunity for businesses to share experience, and gain valuable knowledge from an expert panel of speakers.

The summit is the first of its kind for ECC and is set to be a pivotal event for businesses, covering a wide range of topics aimed at helping our High Streets and town centres recover and build back better, in the wake of the pandemic.

In addition to a conference with a range of different speakers, there will also be breakout sessions, panel discussions and the chance to network. There will also be an option to view the event remotely for those who are unable to attend in person.

Attendees will include a variety of industry experts, including retailers, members of the hospitality and leisure sector, private investors, politicians and more, with the summit providing a key opportunity to express concerns and gain insider knowledge from an expert panel of guest speakers, including members of Essex County Council's cabinet and senior officers.

To book your place at the summit, please visit: [High Street Business Summit Booking Form](#).

Please note, in person tickets will be in high demand, and on a first booking basis. If you are unable to attend in person, the online booking form has the option to register for a virtual link.

The High Street Business Summit will take place on Wednesday 24 November, from 10am- 4pm, and will be held at: [Hylands House, Chelmsford](#)

BORROW LITTER PICKING EQUIPMENT FOR FREE

From Friday 22 October, residents are able to borrow litter-picking equipment from their local library, country park or council. Thanks to funding from Active Essex, a variety of sports and fitness groups will also be provided with equipment.

There is no need to book in advance, simply turn up and ask to borrow a kit. You will also be provided a branded 'Love it here, don't leave it here' litter sack to collect the rubbish in. You can then leave your bag of rubbish next to a public bin so it can be collected by the street-cleansing teams across Essex.

Find your nearest [library](#) or [country park](#) to get started!

To thank residents for litter picking in their local area, 100 individuals will receive a reusable Love Essex coffee cup – a brilliant way to reduce waste! To enter the giveaway, residents can simply tag Love Essex (@loveessexuk) and use the hashtag #LoveItHereDontLeaveItHere alongside a photo of the litter pickers being used. The giveaway will be open from 22 October-8 November. To find out more about the campaign, [visit the Love Essex website](#).

SUPERFAST ESSEX

Superfast Essex is pleased to announce that further investment has been confirmed following the signing of the new Phase 4b contract.

This new funding source has been injected into the contract to maintain the current plans and also allow the programme to reach additional homes and businesses in the hardest-to-reach areas.

This phase of work is set to bring ultrafast full fibre broadband to 1,000 businesses across Essex. Over 2,600 residential properties will also benefit from the upgrade. It's been made possible by funding from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) and the Getting Building Fund. Find out more about our [Phase 4b work](#).

Delivery is in progress and Openreach has notified Superfast Essex that the new date of completion for all work under this contract will be December 2022.

We have updated our [interactive map](#) to reflect the date changes and encourage residents to check this to find out the latest information.

CHANGES TO RECYCLING CENTRE OPENING TIMES

The evenings are now becoming darker earlier. That means that all recycling centres across Essex have changed their operating times. Sites will now close at 4pm on the days they are open. This will continue until the end of February. Please familiarise yourself with [operating times at your nearest recycling centre](#) to avoid a wasted trip.

Why not [consider alternative ways to get rid of your unwanted items](#) to save you time?

EVERYONE'S ESSEX – THE PLAN FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

Everyone's Essex, Essex County Council's plan for levelling up the county, sets out 20 commitments for the economy, environment, health and families, which will shape Essex for generations to come.

Everyone's Essex is an ambitious plan to improve the lives of the people of Essex. The new Cabinet has placed levelling up at the heart of its agenda as the county recovers from the pandemic and builds for the future.

"I am determined that in Essex we can build a better future," says Cllr Kevin Bentley, Leader of Essex County Council. "The task is huge – but we shouldn't be daunted by its scale. We are Essex, and we will build back better."

Read the details of [our plan](#) on our website.

THE ESSEX PLAN FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Essex County Council's [plan for working families](#) sets out how we will make Essex one of the most family-friendly places to live and work in England.

The plan addresses some of the most challenging issues faced by working parents. It explains how we will help families with money worries, childcare, housing and employment opportunities.

WORKING TO MAKE ESSEX SAFER FOR WOMEN

Essex County Council are working with partners to [develop initiatives that will help make women safer](#) in town centres and on public transport.

Our Safety Advisory Group recently held an online conference to share the latest data and insight on women's safety in Essex. We discussed how we can support changes in men's behaviour and make Essex safer for women.

ESSEX EXPLORER

Be inspired to get out and about this autumn with [Essex Explorer](#) e-magazine.

In this edition, you can discover fun ways to stay active as well as our favourite autumnal walks, from country parks to estuaries and the Essex coast.

Uncover the history and heritage of Thorndon Country Park, get seasonal gardening tips and download the mushroom and fungi spotting guide. There's even a pumpkin soup recipe for when you get in from exploring Essex.

[Pick up a free printed edition of Essex Explorer](#) from supermarkets and libraries across the county.

NEW PILOT AIMS TO REDUCE ABUSE AT SCHOOL CROSSINGS

The pilot scheme will see [school crossing patrol officers wear body cameras](#) while they manage traffic and help school children and other pedestrians cross the road. The scheme aims to reduce incidents of abuse towards officers.

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS TO RECEIVE FREE DEVICES

[We are helping give out more than 1,152 Samsung Galaxy devices to 46 local community and voluntary groups.](#) The groups will use the devices to help elderly or disabled people connect with others, develop physical or sensory needs and improve mental health.

ROADS, STREETS AND TRAVEL - MAKE WALKING OUR FIRST CHOICE

[We have launched the Essex Walking Strategy](#), which outlines how we plan to make the county more walkable. It will help us become a more active and resilient population and enjoy a safer, greener and healthier environment.

74% of residents want us to prioritise and increase space for walking in Essex, according to our recent Active Travel consultation.

ACL ESSEX – NEW PROGRAMME OF COURSES LAUNCHED

[Find Your Future](#) with courses from ACL Essex



ACL Essex has launched a new programme of courses to help you retrain, gain skills or progress your career now that the government's furlough scheme has ended.

The [Find Your Future courses](#) include English, Maths and Science GCSEs and Level 2 to 5 in a

range of vocational and creative courses.

Some adults are eligible to [enrol on the courses for free](#).

SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES: APPLY FOR THE BUSINESS ADAPTATION GRANT

You can still [apply for a grant of up to £5,000 to make your business Covid-19 secure](#). You can use the grant to buy new equipment, support employees to work from home or adapt your premises.

If you have already received a Business Adaptation Grant, you can apply again 2 months after you received your most recent grant.

HAVE YOUR SAY

[Join the Essex Residents' Panel and help make a difference in your community.](#)

Make a difference to the services and local issues in your community by telling us what matters to you. [Join the Essex Residents' Panel](#) to have your say on a range of issues.

The panel gives everyone over the age of 18 in Essex the opportunity to share their views.

When you join the panel, you will be invited to take part in online surveys and you could even win a prize for taking part. You will help us make improvements to the services we offer.

MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE

COUNCIL LAUNCHES ANNUAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS SURVEY

Maldon District Council has launched its annual Residents and Business Survey.

The survey went live on Monday 1 November 2021 and will be available for six weeks until 10 December 2021. It can be completed by going to www.maldon.gov.uk/yourviews.

Giving the Council your views is vital to help shape services, make changes and to help the Council plan for the future. This is always important but as the District starts to move on after the COVID lockdowns, it is crucial to understand what residents and businesses think so that the Council can make its plans for the future.

This is the third year that the annual survey has been run. In 2020, 275 residents and 28 businesses responded to the questionnaire and gave the Council valuable knowledge on which to base its future plans.

ALSO:

Free Half Day Parking – November and December – Maldon District Council has announced free parking after 2pm on Thursdays throughout November and December to encourage everyone to support our local businesses. [Find out more](#)

Sense of Place Newsletter – the latest [Sense of Place Newsletter](#) which is produced monthly has been published. If you wish to sign up, please sign up via this weblink [Maldon District Sense Of Place - Visit Maldon \(visitmaldondistrict.co.uk\)](#)

New Active Essex - over 50's Zumba in Heybridge (find your active graphic and poster attached) Active Essex are working with Steph Gunn (Zumba with Steph) to offer residents over the age of 50 the opportunity to join a course to help them become more active after the pandemic. The courses will run for 8 weeks and will introduce the participants to Zumba Gold, a low impact dance fitness class, where at the end, they will hopefully feel more equipped to join a regular class and continue with their dancing. The courses are running from 25th October and 14th January, and I am looking for up to 18 applicants for each class. Participant fee for the course is just £20 pp.

Taxi and Private Hire Policy – Maldon District Council are currently seeking views on the taxi and private hire trade and in particular on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults who use these services. [Find out more here.](#)

Flood Warnings – A reminder, we are clearly in the Flood season and we will see Flood Warnings issued regularly over the coming months. The [Flood warnings in England - GOV.UK \(check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk\)](#) has lots of useful information as well as details of the latest flood alerts.